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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, OPERATIONS STAFF/OSO

SUBJECT: Albania

1. OPC is in complete agreement with the OSO view, which was expressed in your memorandum of 28 November, that in respect to Albania at this stage CIA should have a single position, particularly towards the British, so that all CIA assets may be protected and at the same time rivalries may be eliminated.

2. Your recommendation that appropriate officers of OPC and OSO meet to work out an over all CIA program vis-a-vis the British and on the entire question of 1952 operations against Albania has been followed, and an exchange of views and plans has taken place with advantage to both offices. It was readily determined that the existing plans of each office are consistent with the plans of the other office, and it was agreed that close co-ordination of plans and actual operations would be maintained to minimize the risk of the two offices working at cross purposes. For your information and for preparation of the CIA position on Albania, a paper outlining 1952 OPC Albanian operations is attached.

3. In respect to the OPC position towards the British, OSO has been advised that the long standing principle of closely integrated policy control with disengagement on the operational level will continue in force.

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OPC 1952 ALBANIAN OPERATIONS

In 1952, OPC will concentrate on mounting and executing two separate types of agent operations: Penetration and Harassment.

1. Penetration Operations 1952 penetration operations will take the form of separate and limited operations aimed at establishing small networks each built around a high level agent who will make contact with certain specific individuals in Albania government and army circles by the use of indigenous cut-outs and other clandestine techniques. The long term objective of these penetration operations is the subversion of key figures so that the required degree of neutralization of the army and other vital branches of the Hoxha government is achieved at such time as the moment seems appropriate for the overthrow of the regime. The first mission assigned to the agents selected for penetration operations is one of contacting and recruiting principal agents. Following organization and establishment of their nets the agents will exfiltrate leaving behind a secure system of communications. In some instances principal agents may be exfiltrated with the recruiting agents. It is anticipated approximately 10 such operations will be mounted during 1952 and it is planned to assign W/T operators to those agents who find they are in a position to use W/T and can set up direct communications with the base.

2. Harassment Operations Short term harassment operations will be undertaken with the objective of maintaining the passive resistance of the Albanian people against the regime and developing dormant resistance potential. This will be accomplished by launching short-term missions with limited special assignments such as coup de main operations to provide incidents of propaganda and psychological warfare value which may be exploited to the maximum by the HF/END P/W program. These harassment operations will be carefully coordinated with the penetration operation and other agent operations of the United States and United Kingdom Services against Albania, so that the development of the penetration operation and other operations will not be jeopardized by any counter measures the Albanian Government may take. Furthermore, the harassment operations will be so planned as to minimize the risk of any reprisals against the civilian population.

In addition to agent operations, OPC intends to continue development of its expanding P/W program. Leaflet and cartoon drops which have proved successful in the past are scheduled approximately every six weeks; the

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clandestine radio station will continue broadcasts in the name of the National Committee for a Free Albania. Publication of the Committee newspaper Shqiperia will continue on a semi-monthly basis. The Committee has also recently begun publication of an English language newsletter designed to enhance the prestige of the Committee by bringing it additional publicity. Furthermore, the propaganda supply drop program consisting of air drops of various scarce consumer goods items will be continued.

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